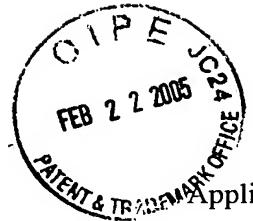


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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed from the Patent and Trademark Office on February 10, 2005, with respect to the above-identified matter, kindly substitute the attached amendments to the claims for the Claim Amendment sheet that was filed in this case on December 30, 2004. As shown on the attached amendment sheet, withdrawn claims 1, 4 and 8 have been recited in full text; claims 2 and 3, 5 through 7, inclusive, and 13 and 14 have been cancelled and claims 9 and 12 have been amended

Also enclosed is counsel's check in the amount of \$43.00 to pay for the one (1) additional independent claim remaining in this case for which a fee had not earlier been paid.

Applicant respectfully submits that claims 9 through 12, inclusive, now standing in the case are in a condition for allowance and early action toward that end is earnestly solicited.

The Examiner is asked to telephone applicant's undersigned counsel at the number noted below if it will advance the prosecution of this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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